GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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LESS INVESTMENT IN AGRO SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has expressed their concern about less investment by Government in Agro Sector;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Planning Commission has expressed concern in Mid-Term Appraisal of the Ninth Five Year Plan about the decline in Gross Capital Formation in Agriculture (GCFA) as a percentageof total Domestic Gross Capital Formation (DGCF) which has come down to 9.4% in 1996-97 from 19.1% 1979-80 at 1980-81 prices. At 1993-94, prices GCFA has come down from 6.3% in 1996-97 to 5.5% in 1998-99. The GCFA in public sector has registered a decline fromRs. 4668.00 crore in 1996-97 to Rs. 3845.00 crore in 1998-99.

(c): The strategy adopted by the Government for increasing Capital Formation in Agriculture Sector is to increase investmentin the development of infrastructure through launching schemes like Rural Infrastructure Development Fund, accelerated IrrigationBenefit Programme, National Watershed Development Project and other similar programmes.